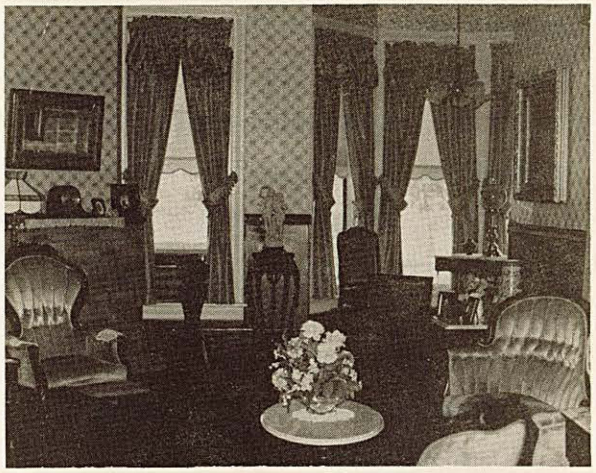

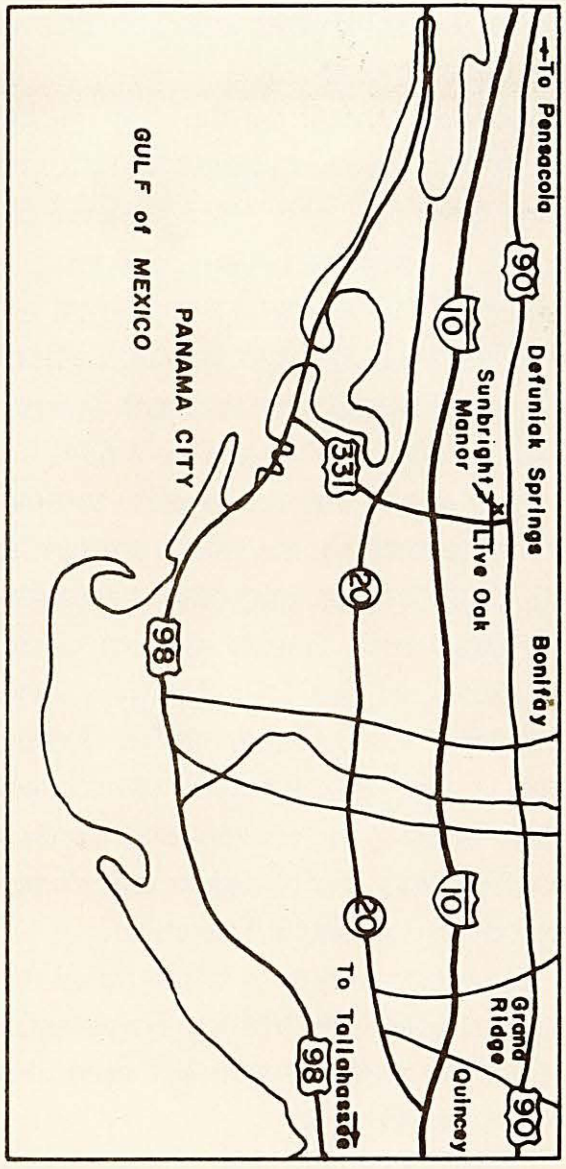

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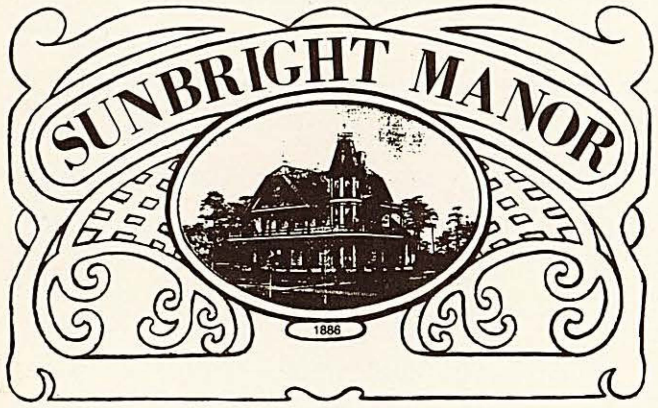

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Sometime during the 1880's, probably 1886, Mr. J. T. Sherman of Broadhead, Wis., built this lovely Queen Anne Victorian home as a winter residence for his family and he and his family spent many months renewing their youth in delightful Florida climate.

In 1924 the house was purchased by former Florida governor, Sidney J. Catts. He resided in the home from 1924 until his death in 1936. Governor Catts was a very colorful figure and spent a controversial four years at the capital. He is best remembered for campaigning in the Florida backwoods in his Model "T" Ford and for coining the slogan that "the only three friends a Florida cracker could trust were Sears Roebuck, the Lord Jesus and Sidney J. Catts." Althought the house was originally known as Sunbright Manor it has become known in the area as the Catt's House or the Governor's House.

Truly a magnificent house, each room radiating memories of days gone by, guests can feel an atmosphere of reverence and veneration even before stepping through the front doors.

The exterior of Sunbright Manor, complete with a tower and porches which exhibit 1,600 spindles and 33 columns, attracts the immediate attention of even the casual passer-by.

Although the home had deteriorated badly it has been restored to its former glory and has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is now open to the public as a Bed and Breakfast Inn. Guided tours of the home are available by appointment Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guests are treated to early morning coffee in their rooms which are furnished with Victorian and other interesting antique pieces. Guests are later served breakfast in the formal dining room. Breakfast consists of fresh Florida fruits and a specially blended citrus juice, bran muffins, a cheese and sausage souffle, grits, and coffee or tea, all served on original Jewel Tea china.

Sunbright Manor is within easy driving of Destin, Fort Walton, Panama City and other lesser known but even more beautiful beaches.

The town of DeFuniak Springs has an old historic downtown area and a large circular drive surrounding a beautiful lake. The driver or walker can view many lovely old homes constructed in the late 1800's and early 1900's. DeFuniak Springs also hosts the annual Chautauqua Festival in late April of each year. The Florida Chautauqua Association was founded in August 1884 and the successful Chautauqua programs were presented continously from 1885 to 1922. The spirit of these programs is now being continued by the annual festival.

In the evening guests are invited to join the Mitchell's on the beautiful, spacious porches and share a cup of spiced tea and conversation about the historical town. For the guests who prefer to remain inside the home there is a reading room and T.V. room on the third floor, which also has an antique and collectible shop for browsing.

Accommodations:

3 Bedrooms, 2 with private baths,
1 bath includes a hot tub.
Pets and smoking are not permitted.

Rates:

Double occupancy $65.00
Single occupancy $50.00

Driving Instructions:

Take DeFuniak Springs Exit off I-10, then north on Highway 331. Located on the corner of Live Oak and 331 at second traffic light.